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## DREAMS

*Debbie Ryel*

You too have moved — now,  
I can't remember your  
address or what your street  
looked like. Probably  
your phone is disconnected  
or I lost the number.

The closed door of a  
classroom: I tilt my head,  
listen to the rise and  
fall of a teacher's voice.  
Not my teacher, but I  
leaf through her book. I want  
to buy it.

Night: I am lugging  
my heavy suitcase into a train  
compartment. All my friends  
have gotten off at the last stop.  
The car speeds along elevated  
tracks, high above clapboard  
houses, grey streets  
wet with rain.

My bed afloat in the wide  
sea. I sit up and look  
across water, hoping to see  
the castle, its gate  
standing open, I have  
no gifts and haven't  
learned to swim.